

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACTS, 1881 AND 1887;" "THE
LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885-1886;" AND "THE
PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885,"

DURING THE MONTH OF

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF APRIL, 1888.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," up to the 30th day of April, 1888; also of Proceedings up to same date, under The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1885-1886, and under "The Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1885."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a) *In Court.*

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st March, 1888,	159,590	160,670	Rents fixed to 31st March, 1888,	91,557	92,593
Applications received in month of April, 1888,	1,080		" in month of April, 1888,	1,036	
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st March, 1888,	6,623	6,830	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st March, 1888,	24,232	24,368
Do. in month of April, 1888,	207		" in month of April, 1888,	136	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st March, 1888,	22,280	22,496	Applications withdrawn* to 31st March, 1888,	10,715	10,753
Applications received in month of April, 1888,	436		" in month of April, 1888,	36	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st March, 1888,	453	558			
Do. in month of April, 1888,	103				
Total,	—	190,754	Total disposed of,	—	127,714

(b) *Out of Court.*

Agreements out of Court, in Form S3, fixing Fair Rent to 31st March, 1888,	87,899
Do., do. in month of April, 1888,	557
Total,	88,456

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to 31st March, 1888, .	962
Applications received to 31st March, 1888,	918		" in month of April, 1888, .	1
Applications received in month of April, 1888, . .	4	922		
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st March, 1888, .	26			
Do. in month of April, 1888,	—	26		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 81) received to 31st March, 1888, . . .	245			
Applications in month of April, 1888,	41	286		
Total,	—	1,234	Total,	963

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of lease, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSOR OR GRANTOR TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXERCISED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1867,"—SEC. 2.)—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888, *	52	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Mar., 1888,	12	
		" in month of April, 1888, .	—	12
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Mar., 1888,	—	
		" in month of April, 1888, .	—	—
		Applications withdrawn or compro- mised to 31st Mar., 1888,	—	
		" in month of April, 1888, .	—	—
Total,	52	Total,	—	12

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1867."—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 31st March, 1888,	5		Applications granted to 31st March, 1888,	—	
" in month of April, 1888,	1		" in month of April, 1888, .	—	
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st Mar., 1888,	1	6	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st March, 1888,	—	—
" in month of April, 1888,	—	1	" in month of April, 1888, .	—	—
Total,	—	7	Applications withdrawn to 31st March, 1888,	—	—
			" in month of April, 1888, .	—	—
			Total,	—	—

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885—1886.

Applications received to 31st Mar., 1886,	1,991	Hears fixed to 31st March, 1886,	585	
" in April, 1886,	31	" in April, 1886,	—	585
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 31st March, 1886,	100	
		" in April, 1886,	—	100
Total,	2,022	Total disposed of,	—	685

VI.—APPEALS re FAIR RENT, &c.

Number of Appeals lodged to 31st March, 1886,	25,518	Number heard to 31st Mar., 1886,	9,448	
" in month of April, 1886,	646	" in month of April, 1886,	* 121	9,569
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st March, 1886,	± 1,037	
		" in month of April, 1886,	11	
		Deduct cases reinstated to 30th April, 1886,	1,048	
			231	817
		Number withdrawn to 31st March, 1886,	11,126	
		" in month of April, 1886,	143	11,268
		Total Number disposed of,	—	21,054
		Remaining to be disposed of,	—	4,510
Total,	26,164	Total,	—	26,164

* The Full number of Appeals decided by Court in April 76.

± In 817 cases the Notices were struck out because wages were not lodged as required by Rule 74, and in 451 cases because the Notices were not duly stamped. Of the former 30 cases, 866 of the latter 176 cases, were reinstated.

VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885.

	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st March, 1886,	11,977	£ 4,873,119
" in April, 1886,	830	330,544
	12,797	5,213,663
Loans sanctioned to 31st March, 1886,	8,603	3,928,292
" in April, 1886,	410	145,937
	10,013	4,073,229
Loans issued to 31st March, 1886,	5,975	2,450,491
" in April, 1886,	838	222,809
	6,813	2,673,300

CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF APRIL, 1888.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 30th day of April, 1888.

I. FAIR RENT.

(a) In Court.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st March, 1888,	19,725	19,846	Rents fixed to 31st March, 1888,	8,106	8,573
Applications received in month of April, 1888,	141		" in month of April, 1888,	287	
Applications by Lessors under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st March, 1888,	1,443	1,494	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st March, 1888,	1,896	1,949
Applications received in month of April, 1888,	59		" in month of April, 1888,	53	
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending, to 31st March, 1888,	636	729	Applications withdrawn* to 31st March, 1888,	216	218
Applications received in month of April, 1888,	93		" in month of April, 1888,	2	
			Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st March, 1888,	7,076	7,588
			" in month of April, 1888,	312	
Total,	—	22,089	Total disposed of,	—	17,928

(b) Out of Court.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 33, fixing Fair Rent to 31st March, 1888,	6,570
Do, do, in month of April, 1888,	21
Total,	6,591

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Redemption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 31st March, 1888,	333	334	Number disposed of to 31st March, 1888,	114	114
Applications received in month of April, 1888,	1		" in month of April, 1888,	—	
			Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st March, 1888,	26	26
			Transferred in month of April, 1888,	—	
Total,	—	334	Total,	—	140

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III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTOR TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE
1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1867,"—SEC. 2)—
FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 28th February, 1868,*	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st March, 1868,	—	
		" in month of April, 1868,	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st March, 1868,	—	—
		" in month of April, 1868,	—	
		Applications withdrawn or com- promised to 31st March, 1868,	—	—
		" in month of April, 1868,	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court, to 31st March, 1868,	—	—
		" in month of April, 1868,	—	
Total,	6	Total,	—	—

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 28th February, 1868.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING
UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1867"—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 31st March, 1868,	6	Applications granted to 31st March, 1868,	—	
" in month of April, 1868,	1	" in month of April, 1868,	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st March, 1868,	—	—
		" in month of April, 1868,	—	
		Applications withdrawn to 31st March, 1868,	—	—
		" in month of April, 1868,	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Mar- ch, 1868,	1	—
		" in month of April, 1868,	—	1
Total,	7	Total,	—	1

Irish Land Commission, }
12th May, 1868. }

DENIS GODLEY.